

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q' FIG. 2 shows the nucleotide sequence of the mouse LKB1 gene from exon 2 to exon 10 (SEQ ID NO:3). The exon regions are indicated in uppercase letters and intron regions in lowercase letters.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q<sup>2</sup> FIG. 6 shows the structures of the F23 synthetic linker (SEQ ID NOs:11 and 12) and loxP2 synthetic linker (SEQ ID NOs:13 and 14).

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